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## Harburn gets its Official Plan amendment for Dysart condos

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton Council adopted an Official Plan amendment April 26 that paves the way for a condominium development in Dysart et al.

The upper tier acceptance came a day after Dysart debated a minor change to the original amendment. The change is designed to protect the integrity of water to properties near the condo development.

Official Plan Amendment No. 1 changes the land use designation on some lots in Dysart from Rural Areas designation and Environmental Protection Areas designation to Suburban Residential Areas, Mixed-Use Areas, and Environmental Protection Areas designations.

This amendment allows the use of the subject lands for suburban residential and mixed-use purposes while protecting low-lying and upper wetland features.

The county will conduct a separate approval process for the proposed severance at a later date that would subdivide the subject property into four lots consisting of three severed lots and a retained lot.

The subject property which is being severed is currently vacant. The development of the proposed lots would permit mixed use and suburban residential up to a maximum of 15 dwelling units and low

impact commercial units in Lot 1.

It permits suburban residential development with up to a maximum of 30 dwelling units and Environmental Protection in the single retained lot.

In Lot 2, the amendment allows for suburban residential designation with up to a maximum of 23 units.

Finally, as many as 20 units can be built in the designated suburban residential Lot 3.

That allows for the 88 condo units and one commercial space that Paul Wilson and Harburn Holdings Ltd. has proposed to build on Peninsula Road on Grass Lake.

County council approved the amendment in principle at its April 12 meeting, but had to wait until Dysart OKed a change to the amendment that would protect neighbours' water supply. Basically, it's to ensure no future development will negatively affect the quality and quantity of potable water.

Dysart council gave its nod of approval when it met April 25.

Jeff Iles, the director of planning and land information in Dysart, said the intent of the modification is to create a Special Policy Area within the Dysart et al Official Plan to ensure that the applicant and future owners of the condo development and land prove adequate drinking water supply, without impact to neighbouring properties, prior to development.

### Learning to layup

Haliburton County Youth Basketball recently started up for the season as part of the Junior NBA program at both the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and Archie Stouffer Elementary School. The program is volunteer run, and children in Grades 1 to 3 practice on Tuesdays at ASES and youth in Grades 4 to 8 practice at HHSS Wednesdays. Both age groups are currently full. Visit [www.haliburtonbasketball.com](http://www.haliburtonbasketball.com). /TIM YANO Special to the Echo



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# Builder proposes 18 dwelling units for Dysart

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Perhaps words soon to be heard in Dysart: What housing problem?

Township council heard details during its regular meeting April 25 about how Hot Pond Enterprises Corporation wants to undertake a medium density development consisting of 18 dwelling units. The plan is for three buildings of six apartments per building to be built over three phases.

The property for the proposed development is at the corner of Victoria Street and Maple Avenue. The buildings will be serviced by a private water system and the municipal sewer system.

The surrounding properties are a mix of commercial and low-density to medium density residential uses and adjacent area of open space known as Head Lake Park.

The proposal requires an Official Plan Amendment of the subject lands that would change the designation from commercial areas to urban residential areas to accommodate the medium-density residential build.

The proposal also required a zoning amendment to rezone the property from general commercial exception zone, a general commercial exception zone with holding provision, and urban residential zone to urban residen-

tial type 3-XX exception zone.

All plans, studies, and reports were submitted in support of the application and peer reviewed by the municipal engineer.

"All neighbouring property owners within 120 metres of the subject property and appropriate agencies have been circulated for comment," said Kris Orsen, Dysart's planning manager.

One letter of support expresses how housing is of great need in the community, Orsen said. Other feedback has been a request to mind the noise levels in the neighbourhood. There was also a suggestion that at least two units in each building be dedicated to affordable housing.

Some people urged the proponent to use a porous material as opposed to asphalt in the parking areas and to incorporate sustainable building practices.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge Health District Health Unit recommended the proponent construct a pedestrian crossover near the buildings. A pedestrian was struck and killed by a motorist years ago at the location.

Richard Carson, the proponent behind Hot Pond Enterprises, said it's been a long process but there's been good cooperation with municipal staff. The project was first broached to the township in 2021 and then last summer.

"The reason at that time was to introduce the project and to seek approval for affordable housing, which we

do have the option of following," Carson said.

As the land is in a flood zone, there was a number of experts to be consulted about the proposed development.

"And that's why it's taken a number of months to get to this stage," he said.

Construction will take place in phases about a year and a half apart with the northern-most building beginning first.

He said there's a huge demand for rental housing in Haliburton County and he's already had some queries from interested renters.

"It's a project that's certainly needed," Mayor Murray Fearrey said. "Our staff will work as diligently as possible to progress things."

A township staff report to council recommends approval of the proposed bylaw and amendments.

"The long-term prosperity and social well-being of Ontario depends upon planning for strong, sustainable and resilient communities for people of all ages, a clean and healthy environment, and a strong and competitive economy," reads the report to council.

And then: "The proposal is generally consistent with the Provincial Policy, Municipal Official Plan and represents good planning. If council considers the application the recommendation included at the top of the report may be appropriate."



## Celebrating independent bookstores

Canadian Independent Bookstore Day was celebrated at Master's Bookstore in Haliburton on Saturday, April 29 where local authors gathered to read excerpts from their works and encouraged visitors to enter a draw to win a basket of local literature and participate in brainstorming the first chapter of a new Haliburton novel. From left, local writer Janet Trull stands with Master's Bookstore owner Kathy Stouffer and other local authors Marie Gage, Brenda Peddigrew, and Kathy Purc. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

## Charges laid in Haliburton robbery

The Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have arrested and charged one person in relation to a robbery which occurred in Dysart et al earlier this month.

On April 3, at 4:21 p.m. a lone individual entered a business on Hops Drive in Municipality of Dysart et al. The person displayed an edged weapon and obtained a quantity of cash and alcohol.

On April 26, at 2:32 p.m., police received a call at a business on Highway 35 in the Township of Minden Hills. An alert employee observed suspicious activity at the business and contacted police. Responding officers immediately began an investigation and a suspect was located and arrested a short time later.

As a result of investigation into both incidents, Brian Bennett, age 56, of Dysart et al has been charged with:

- Possession of Weapon for Dangerous Purpose (two counts)
- Disguise with Intent (two counts)
- Robbery with Weapon
- Attempted Robbery with Weapon
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Lindsay on April 27.

Anyone who may have witnessed the incident or have information that might assist with this ongoing investigation is asked to contact Haliburton Highlands OPP at 705-286-1431 or toll-free at 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Kawartha Haliburton Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at [www.khcrimestoppers.com](http://www.khcrimestoppers.com).

Submitted by the Haliburton Highlands OPP



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The South Freezy Lake old growth area of Haliburton Forest is now protected as a conservation area. /Photo by Kristyn Ferguson



Kristyn Ferguson congratulates Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve for their recent acquisition of conservation status during a presentation on Thursday, April 27. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

# Old growth area in HF makes national history

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve leads the way for other private forests by becoming the first commercially-owned forest to receive conservation status in Canada.

After partnering with the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC), the 20 hectare South Freezy Lake old growth area owned by HFWR is now in the Canadian Protected and Conserved Areas database and considered an other effective area-based conservation measure (OECM), contributing to the country's goal of protecting 30 per cent of lands and waters by 2030.

A celebration was held at the Haliburton Forest Wolf Centre to recognize the accomplishment.

"Haliburton Forest has a very long history of conservation, and this accomplishment, establishing the first OECM on private land in Ontario, is the latest step in a very long journey," said Malcolm Cockwell, managing director of HFWR. "Nature Conservancy of Canada is a good partner, and we've done a good thing."

"In every instance, my colleagues and I have been impressed by their practical approach to land management and conservation both on their own properties ... but also, and especially, on the properties of their partners."

The South Freezy Lake area is difficult to access, and Cockwell said this is one of the main reasons why it has never been harvested in history.

"It is a really special area that deserves to be protected," he said.

Although the OECM is 50 acres, Cockwell said it is part of a 300 acre "area of significance."

It is surrounded by wetlands and steep cliffs.

"It is forest that's never, ever, in the history of time, as far as we know, been subject to any kind of industrial activity, any kind of harvesting. Not that there's anything wrong with harvesting inherently, obviously as a company we do a lot of it ourselves, but there's something very special about areas that have never been harvested," Cockwell said. "At Haliburton Forest, typically when we find old growth, we protect it."

He also said there has been limited,

intermittent hiking and hunting within this area.

"As a result, the area has many of the classic, old growth features. It's quite impressive when you get into it."

One of the most distinguishing aspects is "big, old trees."

Cockwell said because the area's never been logged, there is a lot of dead wood.

"This is very significant from an environmental point of view," Cockwell said.

"If you take a living tree by weight, maybe five to 10 per cent of that tree is alive. If you take a dead tree, a tree that's on the ground, rotting, by weight, maybe 30 per cent of it is alive because you've got it full of insects, fungi, bacteria, salamanders, and related animals. Decaying, dying wood is one of the most important, vital parts of a forest ecosystem, and in an old growth forest, you end up with a lot of that."

He also said the pit and mound soil structure is considerable because many trees have fallen and created mounds of soil.

"This creates micro-habitats that you don't typically see to the same extent in a managed forest area," he said.

The managing director said typically they will come across smaller pockets of old growth forest, which makes the Freezy Lake area so significant.

"It's not a reasonable management objective for the entirety of Haliburton Forest or Haliburton County to become old growth, its that old growth has become so important because there's so little of it," Cockwell said.

The South Freezy Lake area will now be protected for the future under the OECM.

NCC is a non-profit organization that aims to deliver "large-scale, permanent land conservation in the country."

Kristyn Ferguson, program director for Large Landscapes with NCC in Ontario, has been HFWR's main contact during this process.

She explained an OECM as "a relatively new conservation tool. It's an international conservation tool that acknowledges when lands are delivering conservation outcomes, even though conservation may not be the primary intention."

Ferguson visited the South Freezy Lake area in 2023.

"I remember the big trees. I remember the birdsong ringing out from the canopy. I remember the butterflies fluttering around me, and the amazing diversity of

plants all around my feet ... I remember how special this place was. I could feel it. I could feel the history there, and it just immediately became apparent that this was the project to be working on," Ferguson said.

NCC hopes this will kick start a movement of other privately-owned forests to take the initiative and designate part of their land and waters as a conservation area.

"This is important," Ferguson said.

"This gives a chance to inspire others to come along for a similar journey. It's so important to recognize the amount of conservation happening in Canada to help us understand where we can be protecting more lands, recognizing more lands."

"We're in a bit of a race to have 30 per cent of our lands and waters protected by 2030, so its things like this that are going to get us there."



## HHHS Brings Together Emergency Services at Haliburton Site

**As of June 1, 2023, emergency services will no longer be available at the HHHS Minden site.**

**Minden and the surrounding community will be able to access emergency services at the Haliburton site.**

**Visit [www.hhhs.ca](http://www.hhhs.ca) for more information.**





# County approves money to soup up its new ambulance

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Striking an animal on the highway can be costly and dangerous.

An ambulance driving at emergency-response speeds striking a deer can be really dangerous. Tim Waite, chief of the Haliburton County Paramedic Service, said two deer were struck this spring.

An animal strike can result in costs of \$10,000 and more. And that shows it's a good idea to avail of some of the after-market equipment that can be used to improve an ambulance's safety.

The county bought a new ambulance in January 2023 with pre-budget approval. Staff have since enquired if there is the ability to add a push bar type device to minimize the results of animal strikes and to relocate a ceiling grab rail to better accommodate its use by staff.

Waite said staff are hitting their heads in the ceiling

grab rail.

Animal strikes, mostly deer, have resulted in increased maintenance costs over the past few years as we are seeing more animal strikes than in years past.

Crestline has now developed the engineering to incorporate a bumper system to meet requirements for siren and emergency light placement.

The addition of the Ali Arc bumper is to mitigate these costs in the case of an animal strike, especially if it is on the very front of vehicle.

When finalizing the new ambulance build, Crestline informed us that the required custom decal package had been previously included in the pricing but is now an additional cost.

An Ali Arc bumper will cost \$8,180; the decal package of Haliburton County markings will run \$4,260; and relocating the grab bar will cost \$155.

That's \$12,595, plus applicable taxes.

The new ambulance's price tag of \$180,000 was included in the 2023 operating and capital budget.

Waite said the money to cover the after-market altera-

tions could be taken from reserve funds.

Councillor Lisa Schell, Minden Hills' deputy mayor, asked about the timeline between placing an order for an ambulance and when the vehicle is received.

"In the past, we would order in the fall and receive it in the spring," Waite said.

However, he said, the last two deliveries were delayed about a year.

He said he's been told the ambulance ordered in January will possibly be in the county by September.

"It used to be fairly quick ... but, with supply chain issues, it's a little bit unknown," Waite said.

Warden Liz Danielsen, mayor of Algonquin Highlands, said a September delivery would be an improvement over recent experience.

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux, Algonquin Highlands' deputy mayor, said the addition of the bumper illustrates how an ounce of prevention equals a pound of cure.

"This could really help us keep our fleet on the road," Dailloux said.



## Speaking against ER closure

Patrick Porzuczek, one of the leaders of the Save the Minden ER group, speaks to the crowd during a public meeting on April 25.



A public meeting was held at the Minden Community Centre on Tuesday, April 25 where hundreds of concerned citizens gathered to voice their dismay of the recent announcement regarding the closure of the Minden ER. / VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

# HHHS staff speak with county council

Haliburton County Council fully understands the level of frustration and concern being voiced by the Minden community and surrounding area that is currently served by the Minden Emergency Department.

Council met with Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) CEO Carolyn Plummer and Board Chair David O'Brien at a special meeting held Apr. 27 to hear the rationale for their decision to close the Minden Emergency Room (ER) on June 1.

After considerable dialogue with the HHHS representatives, Council remains extremely concerned and dissatisfied in their decision and the timing associated with the closure. We also continue to be disappointed in the absence of communication between County Council, the

community and HHHS over the last number of months while this step was being considered.

We will continue to advocate on behalf of our residents to ensure that HHHS responds to questions about reorganization and ongoing service delivery in the County, including identifying and attracting services to work out of the Minden site. To that end Council will be requesting that HHHS present their implementation plan to combine emergency services at a special meeting in May.

Council's primary goal is to work collaboratively with the HHHS Board of Directors to ensure the highest quality of care possible in the County. Council has voiced a willingness to advocate with upper levels of Government for improved financial resources to ease pressures and

help with the implementation of improvements. We will also continue to review how our EMS (Emergency Medical Services) and Community Paramedicine Programs can assist, as well as how they may be impacted.

HHHS have agreed to involve County Council in the completion of their operational Strategic Plan as well as working on the Capital Master Plan due to be finalized this fall.

Council is committed to ensure that effective health care services continue to be provided to all residents of Haliburton County and the visitors we welcome.

Submitted by Haliburton County Council





Dysart council has been looking to implement a bylaw prohibiting the feeding of deer in Haliburton. /Photo submitted by Tammy Nash

## Bylaw against feeding deer is harmful, says Dysart resident

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A Haliburton business owner believes Dysart needs to clarify its anti-deer feeding bylaw and institute a plan to safely relocate the animals.

Phillip Primavera of Haliburton Feed and Seed told the township's council April 25 that saving residential flower gardens from being eaten by deer is not a very valid reason for a bylaw.

"If we're worried about in-town deer being not natural, well flowers in Haliburton are not natural," he said.

Another reason broached in support of the legislation was the safety of motorists from collisions with the animals. That doesn't hold water, either, because of the relatively low speed limits.

"I don't believe it would be the deer's fault if they're getting hit (by vehicle driving) at 50 (kilometres per hour)," Primavera said.

It would take a three-year plan to properly re-naturalize the deer population to outside the township. He said to stop feeding them "cold turkey" would create other problems.

"You'll be getting a lot more calls of mass starvation," he said.

Mayor Murray Fearrey asked Primavera to explain his suggested three-year plan.

Primavera said allowing that time-frame wouldn't be the "cold turkey" approach for the deer.

"It would be something that you would have to discuss with a wildlife biologist and actually figure out the best way to move the deer," Primavera said.

Fearrey said he's heard estimations that there's as many as 70 deer within a kilometre and a half of town.

"I would say there's probably more than that," Primavera said.

"And that's a scary thing," the mayor said.

Fearrey said the province of Quebec

recently banned feeding deer because of a disease in the animal's population.

"There's disease among all animals," Primavera said. "If we're worried about disease, then we should be more concentrated on pigeons, racoons."

Fearrey wondered why people feed the deer.

Primavera said many people just enjoy observing wildlife.

"Feeding deer probably gives them a little bit of joy," Primavera said.

Fearrey said gardening in Dysart has increased as much as 50 per cent.

"How do you garden in town when you've got a deer?" he said. "You need an eight-foot fence."

Primavera said electric fencing is cheap and can be removed.

Councillor Pat Casey said he's gotten feedback about deer from both sides of the argument. That's why the bylaw was "massaged a couple of times," he said. It was to try to get closer to some common ground.

Casey said wolves drove the deer into the township, and they've become accustomed to being fed by residents. They could spend three years to relocate the deer, as Primavera recommends. But the wolves will push the deer back into town.

"To me, that's going to be a see-saw thing," he said, and added that perhaps the wolf population should be culled.

He said there's no perfect outcome from that because people love wolves, coyotes, and animals in general.

Basically, Fearrey said, there'd be no problem with deer if people didn't start feeding them.

Primavera said the deer population would've been lower corresponding to the amount of natural sustenance in town.

"You'd have to cure the wolf issue and you'd have to have a very solid plan, very well-thought-out plan, that the town sees the benefit at the end of the day because benefit and self-enjoyment are going to be two different things," he said.

## Head Lake Park



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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

## ‘Good’ news, ‘bad’ news

I HAD A conversation with Emily Stonehouse about the heaviness of last week’s papers in the wake of the news about the Minden Emerg.

We said to each other, “Let’s have this week a light week. Let’s have happy papers, full of positive news and fun photos.”

We said this at the beginning of the week, both tired from the relentless collective stress of the county during this time.

The problem with that statement, though, is that we can’t control the news.

We don’t make the news, we just share it.

Even if news isn’t particularly happy, it’s still absolutely important to share.

And I think that even though we perhaps can’t have an entirely “good news” paper at any given time, that doesn’t mean the good isn’t there.

Life’s always about balance.

I’d like to think that the weight of good and bad on either sides of the scale are always equal, we just might have to do some extra searching.

Maybe we don’t even have to search. Maybe all we need to do is lift our heads up and notice.

While feeling so bogged down with emotion last week, a state I’m sure many others in the county were in, too, the little glimpses of goodness for me came from nature.

One was the chorus of Spring peepers singing as I walked to my car one evening - my favourite sound.

I decided to walk to the pond instead of ignoring their call and driving away.

Another was going for a walk in the rain.

And one of those moments was in my inbox; my inbox that makes me anxious sometimes.

I love this job, and I love being in contact with so many incredible peo-

ple.

I’m so appreciative of the opportunity to be the middle-person - to allow for voices of the county to be published in print for others to hear - but, inevitably, there’s a degree of pressure that comes with being the contact for the editorial side of the *Echo*. And in this digital world, nearly all of that correspondence comes straight to my inbox.

In *County Life* each week, we have a section for submitted nature photos.

For quite a while, because many species hibernate or migrate, the subject matter for photos was limited.

This week, though, sprinkled through my inbox were photos taken by local photographers of birds that made their way back here for the spring and turtles that emerged from a long winter in the mud.

Each time I got a new email titled “nature photos”, I would get excited, pause what I was doing, and let myself take a break to look up whatever species was in front of me.

I even felt a little envious of the photographers who get to sit and watch this wildlife, but

then I remembered, I can do that, too.

Field naturalist Ed Poropat recently hosted a Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Listen and Learn presentation on April 27 about Western chorus frogs.

Learn more about them in Ed’s article on page 13 and maybe even try to have a listen for them next time you’re in nature.

Don’t forget to also pick up this week’s *County Life* on Thursday as well to read Rick Whitteker’s Naturally Yours article all about spring songbirds.

In a fast-paced society where we are constantly receiving information, don’t forget to stop and appreciate the main reason why we love the Highlands so much; the peaceful, natural world around us.



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## Editorial



A Yellow trout lily sprouts through fallen foliage. /Laura Smith

## The big black dog

MIKE LIKED this window the best. While the living room window showed him the neighbours and the front window gave him a panoramic view of the street, it was the upstairs bedroom window he preferred. That window looked down the length of his street, allowing him to see who was approaching or leaving his neighbourhood.

Mike knew it was important to check out the comings and goings of others. Danger could appear at any time, and so he had to be watchful and on his guard. He had a big job and took it seriously.

It was the big black dog that gave him the most concern. A huge creature, it pranced along on its leash as though it owned the neighbourhood. Its long black fur trembled as it walked, and although the massive face appeared friendly, looks could be deceiving. Mike saw how the person walking beside it sometimes struggled to hold the dog in check. But if it happened to turn its head in Mike’s direction, well Mike immediately let it know to back off and just keep walking.

Just the other day Mike was out for a walk with his companion when he spotted the big black dog on its leash, coming toward them. Mike wasn’t looking for any trouble so decided to give it lots of space. As the dog got nearer Mike simply moved slightly closer to his companion and looked straight ahead, ignoring the canine completely. Then after a safe interlude, Mike turned to look and saw the big black dog was looking back at him even as it walked away. Mike took this as a silent threat. Next time, it seemed to be saying.

There were other problems Mike had to deal with as well. For instance the deer were constantly invading his backyard, making themselves quite at home as they ranged around, grazing on the flower beds and shrubs. It drove Mike crazy. He chased them away if he had a chance, but sometimes he was so watchful at that bedroom window that

he missed the deer. But if he did manage to see them and then got outside in time, they high-tailed it off the property as soon as he made his presence known. Although Mike knew he could chase them half-way to Kinmount, he took a pass on any further pursuit. After all, protection not apprehension was his duty of care.

Then there were random people requiring Mike’s attention from time-to-time. Well, OK more than that. More like every day, though the circumstances varied. Perhaps it was a delivery van parked in front of the house followed by some stranger wanting to walk right in. No way that was going to happen with Mike there.

This morning Mike was set to go for his usual walk when everything changed. He had just exited the house and was busy watching a squirrel when he saw the big black dog come into view. It immediately began straining on its leash, trying to get closer.

The person with it said it was actually friendly and just wanted to say hello. But Mike was still skeptical. So he stood his ground and watched as the crit-

ter approached. But then, after a long moment of hesitation, the big black dog started wagging its enormous tail at Mike and making all sorts of other friendly gestures. Mike was gobsmacked. This was unexpected. Hesitantly Mike moved towards the big black dog. However, one false move by the big black dog and Mike was prepared to take it on. But he need not have worried. It turned out the big black dog had been nervous of Mike as well. It was the bedroom window sightings. Mike’s face appearing at that window and the threatening noise he made when the big black dog appeared had totally intimidated the big animal.

It was only now, having finally met face-to-face that the two had a chance to get to know each other up close. It made all the difference.

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# points of view

## Making a mountain...

**W**HEN GEOLOGISTS and geographers discuss how mountains are made, they usually refer to calamitous events such as a shift in the earth's Tectonic plates or sudden volcanic upheavals. This, to me, is merely proof that not one of them has ever lived with a dog.

If they had, they would also realize that though mountains can be formed by these earth-shaking geological events, more often than not, they are merely made by dogs in spring.

Here's how it works.

The mountain-making cycle begins when the dog goes to the door and whimpers. This is the canine's way of indicating that if you do not let me out in the next few seconds, you are risking having to deal with, for lack of a better phrase, "a clean-up in aisle three." Since this is something that no dog owner relishes, the prudent thing to do is let the dog out or put it on a lead and take it for a quick walk.

What does any of this have to do with the formation of mountains, you ask?

Some recent data collection with my own dog will provide some startling insights. You see, Rosie, prior to leaving the house, typically weighs about 34 pounds. When she returns from a walk or a little off-leash exercise, however, she weighs somewhere between 68- to 174-pounds. The additional weight is from the mud, dirt and leaves she is trying to smuggle



steve  
galea

### Loon Tales

into the house.

Now that extra weight probably does not seem like a big deal to you – that is, until you consider that Rosie, much like any other dog, goes out between 5 and 10 thousand times a day – conservatively. This means, on a good day, she could sneak somewhere around 700 tons of dirt into the house.

After a few days, this adds up. In a week, you've got the makings of a mountain range.

Fortunately, Jenn and I are aware of this, so we spend at least an hour or two a weekend, sweeping and vacuuming that mountain that Rosie is trying to construct in our house. It's not easy though.

On Saturday, after I crested the summit of K3, the latest mountain that Rosie was trying to create in the living room, I looked over and saw there was another mountain being formed beyond the coffee table. So, I yodeled to Jenn, who was collecting our carabiners and ropes, and then told her that after we cleaned up this mountain, there was another one to deal with. She caught my inference on the second echo.

Meanwhile, Rosie, was whimpering at the front door.

Right now, a few dog owners are probably thinking that I am probably exaggerating a little. Well, it must be nice living with a hairless dog.

Believe me, I'm not trying to make a mountain out of a mole hill here. I am just trying to point out that dogs bring in a lot of dirt into a house each spring – literally, about a mountain's worth. Is it accurate to suggest that given enough time – say seven days – you might have a roots of a new mountain range taking hold in your living room? The short answer is yes.

Trust me, I am not in the habit of making things up.

But, if you still don't believe me, just ask one of my Sherpa guides at Base Camp 2.



## pic of the past

**S**t. George's Anglican Church Junior Choir is pictured with choir director and organist Bill Gliddon, right, in 1965. Back row, from left, Jaqueline Fader, Peter Lymburner, Sylvia Swinson, and Susan Kirkpatrick. Middle row, from left, Larry Blanchard, Larry Scheffee, George Thayer, Philip Kirkpatrick, and Gerry Donaldson. Front row, from left, Candice Bailey, Glenda Burke, Lynn Scheffee, and Cheryl Emmerson. /Submitted by Bill Gliddon

## letters to the editor

# Concern of overcrowding at Haliburton ER

To the Editor,

The closure of our Minden ER is unbelievably short-sighted, particularly in the suggested time frame. Combining the busiest ER in the county with an also busy Haliburton's, at the beginning of the most hectic time of year will, very likely, result in overcrowding, long wait times and incredible pressure on all the caregivers.

This will have negative repercussions not

only for Minden people but for everyone in the county and beyond. I can envision the crowded waiting room, stretchers in the hallways and chaos we see and read about in city ERs, happening right here in our own back yard. Let's hope tragedy is not part of the new reality.

Pat Brezina  
Minden

# Serious surgical backlogs exist in Ontario

To the Editor,

The Ford government's proposed solution lies in Bill 60, encouraging more private hospitals and clinics. However, many operating rooms remain closed in our public hospitals at night and on the weekends. Why not fund those?

Sunnybrook and Michael Garron Hospitals in Toronto are partnering to reduce surgical backlogs by using existing hospital infrastructure and increasing staffing numbers for weekend surgeries. Staff from both hospitals create a larger team whose shifts can be spread out over the weekend to prevent burn out. This model uses a centralized intake in which patients are assigned to the surgeon with the shortest waiting time. Patients may still request a specific surgeon but could be subject to longer waiting times. Hopefully, other Toronto hospitals will join the initiative allowing for even faster patient care.

In London, a specialized ambulatory surgical centre has been created for orthopedic patients. This centre is equipped with only instruments required for the specific surgery and fewer staff so that the operations are faster, cheaper and more

efficient - significantly reducing waiting times.

Both innovations have been created within the public system. So why introduce more costly private clinics which could potentially poach staff from public hospitals when improvements and innovation can be achieved within the publicly funded system? Do we want our health care dollars to provide shareholder dividends instead of going to those who provide and facilitate our care? Do we want to invest in facilities not subject to the same standards as our public ones?

Even though we are a rich province, our expenditure on healthcare per capita is the second lowest in the country. Instead of starving our healthcare system, to pave the way for privatization, the government needs to adequately fund hospitals and to create an environment where both family doctors and nurses are well paid and can enjoy a healthy work/life balance within a model of health care where equity of care is paramount.

Elizabeth Turner  
Soyers Lake



# Sculptures return to downtown Haliburton

*Exhibition Launch Thursday, May 4 at 2 p.m. at the Rails End Gallery*

Seven new sculptures will appear in downtown Haliburton on Thursday, May 4 as part of the 2023 Haliburton Downtown Sculpture Exhibition. This is the fifth year for this joint project of the Haliburton Village BIA and the Haliburton Sculpture Forest.

Earlier this year, a call went out to artists to submit sculptures for the 2023 exhibition. We received 24 entries from 16 artists. Seven entries were selected by a jury.

This year's sculptors are from Toronto, Baysville, Gatineau, Lincoln, Rockwood, and Port Perry, and include emerging, mid career and seasoned artists. There are works in marble, rattan and steel, bronze, steel and copper, aluminum, mixed media and wood. They range from the whimsical to thought provoking and figurative to abstract. The sculpture exhibition

will be in place from May 4 to Oct. 26. All of the works are available for purchase with prices ranging from \$1,800 to \$18,500. The prices and contact information for the artists are available at [www.haliburtonsculptureforest.ca/downtown-sculptures](http://www.haliburtonsculptureforest.ca/downtown-sculptures).

The official exhibition launch will be held on Thursday, May 4 at 2 p.m. with a guided tour with the artists talking about their sculptures. The tour starts at the Rails End Gallery – 23 York Street and ends at the Corner Gallery on Maple Ave.

There will also be a brochure available at downtown outlets and a self-guided tour on the app Pocketsights.

This exhibition is made possible through the co-ordination by the Haliburton Sculpture Forest, financial contributions by our lead sponsors ACM Designs

and the O'Mara Group, funding from the Haliburton BIA and Haliburton County Development Corporation and site sponsorships from thirteen businesses and organizations— Canoe FM 100.9 Community Radio Station, Cultural Resources Committee – Municipality of Dysart et al, Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre, Glecoff's Family Store, Russell Red Records, Foodland – Haliburton, Century 21 Granite Realty Group Inc., Haliburton Framing and Photo, Wind in the Willows Spa and Boutique, Corner Gallery, Haliburton County Echo, Emmerson Lumber, and Rexall Pharmacy.

Landowners on Highland St, York St. and Maple Ave have provided space for the sculptures. The Municipality of Dysart assists with the placement of the sculpture bases.

Haliburton is one of a number of communities in Canada that enlivens their

downtown with an annual sculpture exhibition. The co-ordinators of Elora Sculpture Project were very helpful in getting the Haliburton project started in 2018.

All of the information about the Haliburton Downtown Sculpture Exhibition, the 2023 sculptures, the artists and the sponsors will be available on the Haliburton Sculpture Forest website [www.haliburtonsculptureforest.ca/downtown-sculptures](http://www.haliburtonsculptureforest.ca/downtown-sculptures)

The sculptures *Mother Earth* by Scott McKay *Das Buch XXIII* by Marianne Reim, *Depth* by Don Frost and *Double Take* by Carolanne MacLean from the previous Downtown Exhibitions were purchased by donors or donated by the artists for inclusion the Sculpture Forest.

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## Razzamataz dazzles

The Incredible Adventures of Mary Jane Mosquito performed at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion Theatre in Haliburton on Sunday as part of Razzamataz Kids' Shows! Families enjoyed the 45-minute performance which told the tale of how an "outsider" who had to deal with bullying while moving to a new place and feeling like an "outsider." /ADAM FRISK Special to the Echo



Mary Jane Mosquito, played by Brianne Tucker, laughs during a question and answer session following her performance on Sunday.

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# Forest Festival returns with Women of the Forest

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

It's official. The Forest Festival is back at Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve for the 2023 summer season. "This festival is another way of diversifying what the Forest has to offer," said Barrie Martin, the manager of Yours Outdoors and one of the organizers for the event.

The Forest Festival closed its doors in 2019, ending the multi-year tradition of outdoor music at Haliburton Forest. The event was traditionally held at the Bone Lake Amphitheatre, which was a large-scale outdoor venue, and faced its fair share of wear and tear over the years due to the elements.

In a media release that was put out in 2019, Haliburton Forest stated: "The Forest Festival needs a stunning facility like Bone Lake to continue, meaning that its future viability without such a facility is very limited. Unfortunately, rebuilding Bone Lake will require great expense and effort, likely in the hundreds of thousands of dollars."

Without a venue, the Forest put a pin in the event in 2019, which then stayed put longer than anticipated with the pandemic hitting the following year.

Now, the Forest is ready to hit the ground running with a new vision, new music, and new venue for the festival. "It won't be the full-blown Forest Festival as we knew it," said Martin, "but we will be bringing it back, and we still want to continue offering this special event at the Forest."

While the Amphitheatre still out of



Boreal is one of the bands who will be performing as a part of the 2023 Forest Festival - Women of the Forest. There will be a different musical performance each month between May until the end of August. /Photo submitted

commission, Barrie noted that the festival will be moving to the Logging Museum, which is onsite at the Haliburton Forest Basecamp. The venue can seat up to 200 guests, and has been modified to accommodate special events, parties, concerts, and weddings in recent years. "It's a

pretty interesting venue," said Martin, who shared that he was excited to see how each performer will fill up the space.

This year, the festival has leaned into a specific theme: Women of the Forest. The lineup features four musical groups composed of women, including Boreal, the

Salt Cellars, Jane Bunnett & Maqueque, and Jenie Thai. "We noticed that there was a lot of music happening in the community, and it often seems to be weighted towards male performers," said Martin. "We thought this would be a good way to celebrate women in music, and work with the tremendous pool of talented women musicians."

The first show kicks off on May 20, with one performer presenting each month over the duration of the four-month summer season. Viewers can purchase tickets to the individual shows, or a pass to all four of them.

This is also the first year that the festival has offered the opportunity for local businesses and organizations to get involved as presenting partners. "It's not a donation thing, it's more of an opportunity to engage community partners, and offer them additional presence," said Martin. He shared that some partners this year include Canoe FM, the Folk Society, and Highlands Buckside Blues Society.

Martin noted that with all the music happening in the county this summer, he hopes the Forest Festival is met with support and interest once again; particularly after the multi-year hiatus. "We are hoping that the legacy of the Forest Festival will help us sell tickets."

For information on all performers and to purchase tickets, visit [www.yoursoutdoors.ca](http://www.yoursoutdoors.ca) or [www.haliburtonforest.com](http://www.haliburtonforest.com). Further information will be available through the Yours Outdoors and Haliburton Forest social media pages over the spring and summer months.

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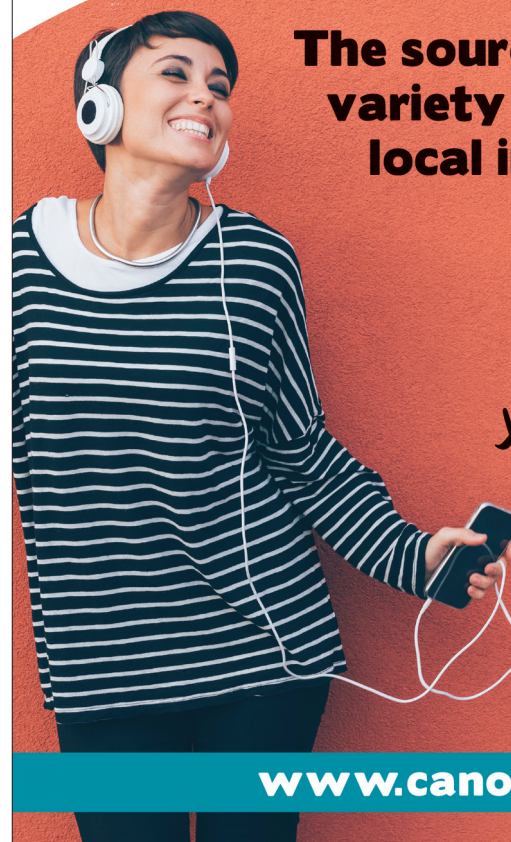
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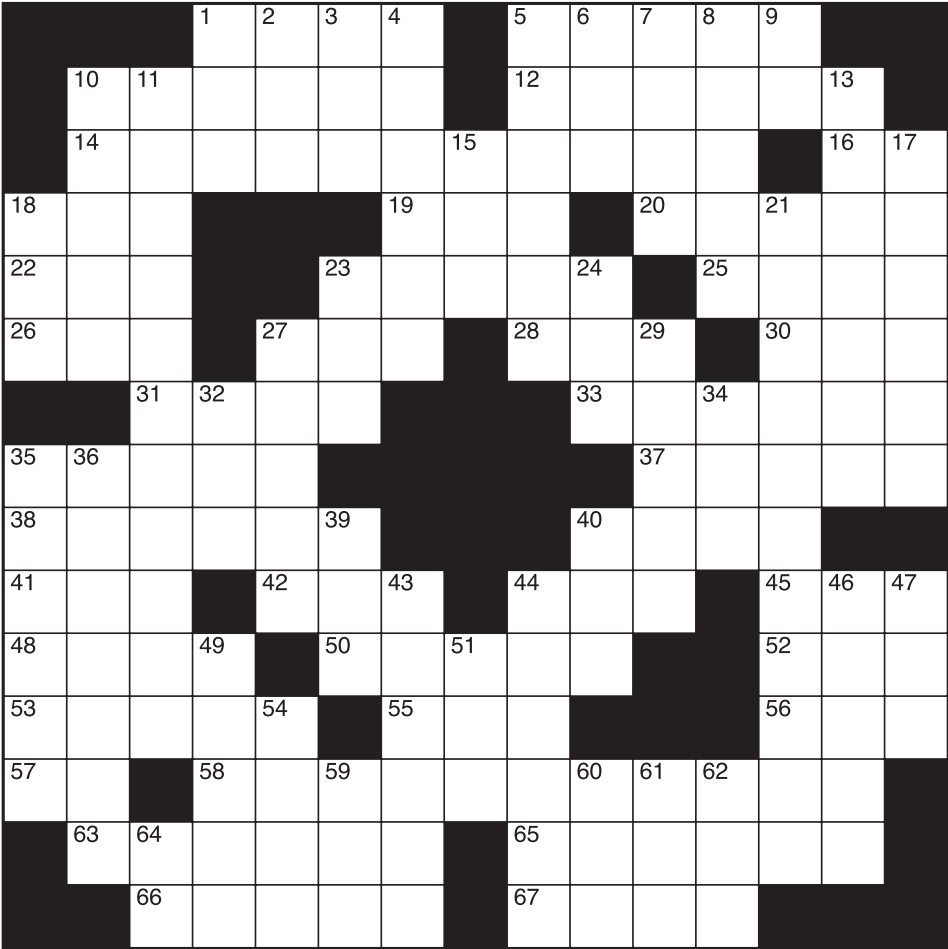
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  - 40. Hillside
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  - 29. Characterized by crying eyes
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  - 34. American spy organization
  - 35. A person's chest
  - 36. Came from behind to win
  - 39. Fall back
  - 40. Nellie \_\_, journalist
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  - 47. Electroencephalograph
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Answers on page 12



Sarah Comer, pilates instructor, teaches a class at the Wellness Hub in Haliburton. /Danielle Meredith Photography

# Time to reform a new mindset

EMILY STONEHOUSE  
Staff Reporter

There's more than one way to workout. In this day and age of social media, viewers are inundated with varying degrees of workouts, with some labeled as "bad" and others as "good". It's almost impossible to know where to start.

It's this insecurity, this doubt, this uncertainty, that Sarah Comer is trying to help with. "I believe that we should lean into the idea of working out for how it makes us feel, more than for how it makes us look," she told the *Echo*.

It is with this mindset that the Minden resident and co-owner of the Wellness Hub wishes to mitigate some questions around her preferred workout tool: the Reformer.

The Reformer was invented by Joseph Pilates, the father of the original pilates movement. "Joseph Pilates is well known for his mat pilates repertoire, developed prior to his invention of the reformer," said Comer. "The Pilates Reformer is among the most diverse workout equipment in the industry, with over 150 exercises in Joseph Pilates Repertoire alone."

Pilates really started to gain popularity during the COVID-19 pandemic, as people were looking for exercises they could do at home with little to no equipment. The whole concept of Pilates is a mind-body connection that improves strength, alignment, and breathing.

Comer shared that she first came across Pilates when she was working an administrative job at Haliburton County Chiropractic and Rehabilitation in Minden. She describes herself as a lifelong "mover", which was what made practice so desirable to her.

Through her explorations, she discovered the Reformer, which was primarily being used by physiotherapists as a tool for rehabilitation. "The reformer allows for strength building through resistance training and bodyweight exercises, as well as mobility training," she said. "The Reformer helps us get into positions that would feel less accessible on the mat, allowing for a more comfortable, and sometimes deeper stretch."

With this in mind, Comer set out to bring Reformer sessions to Haliburton County. She believes the tool offers a level of accessibility to all ages and body types. "The Reformer allows for modification and progressions to meet all fitness levels," she said. "I have seen clients as young as the age of 11, all the way up to 75."

Comer shared that while the Reformer sessions are open to anyone, she has seen great benefits when working with clients who are postpartum, and are working on regaining core and pelvic floor strength, as well as clients with injuries or chronic illnesses like Multiple Sclerosis (MS). "I have a client who has MS and the progression in their stability and muscle control has been amazing to watch," she shared. "The machine inspires innovation and allows for the creation of new exercises of trained movement."

With the Reformer being a fairly new tool, particularly in the Haliburton Highlands, Comer hopes that people are open-minded to the practice - particularly considering the benefits. "I think people can draw a new mindset around working out with the reformer," she said. "It inspires a mind-body connection, and requires you to slow down and use your muscles with control and intention."

The main focus for Comer is the hope that anyone knows they can work out, despite any physical or mental challenges. "I believe working out should be functional, efficient and fun," she said, "It should be just as much a physical experience as it is a mental experience."

Comer noted that with the Reformer, there are opportunities for any type of workout, with modifications available along the way. She believes that modifications do not make any workout less than another, but rather, they allow individuals to get the most out of each exercise. "I believe we should meet our restrictions with curiosity, not shame," she said.

The Reform Studio is one of 13 independent businesses that are housed at the Wellness Hub in Haliburton. Comer runs the Reform sessions, and is also the co-owner of the Hub, alongside Shay Hutchings. For more information on the Reformer, visit @the.reform.studio on Instagram.





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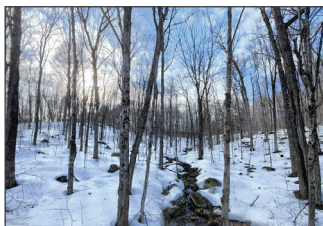
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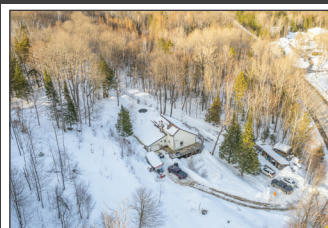
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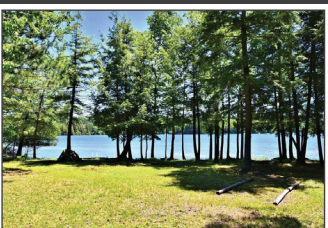
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Coach Paul Longo looks on during layup drills during the Haliburton County Youth Basketball Junior NBA program at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on Wednesday, April 12. The program is volunteer run, and children in Grades 1 to 3 practice on Tuesdays at ASES and youth in Grades 4 to 8 practice at HHSS Wednesdays. Both age groups are currently full. Visit [www.haliburtonbasketball.com](http://www.haliburtonbasketball.com). /TIM YANO Special to the Echo



Participants in the Junior NBA program practice dribbling.



Notice  
(Applicant - Gubbels)

In the matter of the Municipal Act and in the matter of a proposed By-Law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East to close, stop-up and convey certain portions of Part of the Road Allowance for road along the shore of Little Glamor Lake, more particularly hereinafter described.

Notice Is Hereby Given, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at a virtual meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Road Allowance in front of Lot 2, Concession 14, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 19R-10779 made by JBF Surveyors, completed July 14, 2022. (Part 2 being the flooded portion to be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East).

The Plan of Survey is available to you for inspection by you making an appointment at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus. If you wish to attend the virtual meeting, please call or e-mail the Municipal Clerk prior to the day of the public meeting so you can be provided with a link or phone number for the meeting. If you do not have the capability to attend a virtual meeting, please provide written comments to the Municipal Clerk prior to the public meeting.

Any person or his or her counsel, solicitor or agent who attends the virtual meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the within matter.

And Take Further Notice that if the public wishes to participate regarding the purchase of Part of the Shore Road Allowance please contact the Municipal Clerk.

Dated at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 25th day of April, 2023.

Robyn Rogers, Municipal Clerk  
Box 295, 2249 Loop Road  
WILBERFORCE, ON KOL 3C0  
[rrogers@highlandseast.ca](mailto:rrogers@highlandseast.ca)  
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Notice  
(Applicant - McNalley)

In the matter of the Municipal Act and in the matter of a proposed By-Law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East to close, stop-up and convey certain portions of Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance for road along the shore of Glamor Lake, more particularly hereinafter described.

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Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 32, Concession 10, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 1 on Plan 19R-10776 made by Greg Bishop Surveying and Consulting Ltd., completed November 17, 2019.

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# Land Trust discovers five new populations of Chorus Frog

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Haliburton Highlands Land Trust

"Kreeeeek.....kreeeeek.....  
kreeeeek....." - a distinct sound emanates from a shallow roadside pond, the rolling call reminiscent of someone rubbing their finger across a barber's plastic comb. Early spring is once again breeding season for the tiny Chorus Frog. These minute amphibians emerge from hibernation in early April and begin their explosive breeding cycle, calling intensely for only a few short weeks before going silent for the remainder of the year. They are among the earliest frogs to call in our area.

With the recent warm weather, Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) biologists and volunteers have been sweeping parts of the County in search of these declining amphibians. And, with great success! Recently, Paul Heaven of Glenside Ecological Services Ltd., HHLT's project biologist, discovered five previously unknown breeding populations within the Marigold Wetland Complex, adding significantly to the few remaining sites in southern Haliburton County. These breeding locations have extra significance as they lie within a swath of land dubbed the Highlands Corridor. The local Land Trust has expended an enormous amount of time and energy not only documenting what species reside within this area, but also advocating to protect large portions of it. The Corridor would help mitigate the negative impacts of climate change and allow continued movement of species through connectivity.

A Chorus Frog can be green to brown in colouration, with dark longitudinal striping along the back. It will show a dark line running from the tip of the nose, through the eyes, and along its side to the back legs. Its thin, white, upper lip seems to glow in the sun. Chorus Frogs can pack quite a punch for their size. Their dry, rising trill can be heard day or night at quite a distance, given an adult frog is not much bigger than your thumbnail. Unlike woodland pools and large wetlands that Spring Peepers thrive in, Chorus Frogs seek out shallow, grassy, ephemeral pools to lay their eggs. They do not cope well with competition, espe-



To call, a Chorus Frog squeezes air from its lungs across its vocal cords. The inflated throat sac amplifies the sound like a loudspeaker. /Photos by Ed Poropat

cially if fish are present. Thus, a Chorus Frog's early life is a race against time and weather. They must complete their cycle of egg, to tadpole, and finally metamorphosing to an adult before their temporary pool dries up. A particularly hot, dry spring can spell disaster for a local population of these tiny amphibians.

Chorus Frogs have experienced enormous declines in the past few decades. Although the Carolinian population appears to be stable, the Canadian Shield and eastern Ontario population has been steadily disappearing. Haliburton County

has not been immune to this decline, and many of our traditional Chorus Frog sites have gone silent in the past decade. The discovery of these new locations is therefore very exciting. Sadly, it appears to be a race against time to determine the causes



A Chorus Frog calls to attract a mate.

of this decline. Although habitat loss is a major contributor in some areas, other factors must be at play also.

If you'd like to assist the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust in their endeavor to understand the distribution and abundance of these tiny frogs, you can help by simply using your cell phone. If you think you have heard chorus frogs, simply make a brief recording and email it to the Land Trust with a location. The recording can be verified, and you will have made a significant contribution to our knowledge of local fauna. The Land Trust is appreciative of the generous funding from Environment Canada & Climate Change, Habitat Stewardship Program to support this project.

So, get out there before the bugs arrive, and enjoy the calls that truly herald the coming spring ... the call of the Chorus Frog.



## NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION TO PURCHASE AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

**DATE:** May 23, 2023  
**TIME:** Any person who wishes to address Council should contact the Planning Department for a delegation time.  
**LOCATION:** Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.  
**APPLICATIONS:**

The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has, by resolution, declared the following parcels of land to be surplus.

**Applicant:** Emmerson Lumber Limited  
**Location:** Part of the Road Allowance for George Street, Between Blocks M and Q, Registered Plan No. 1, Town Plot of Haliburton, Geographic Township of Dysart, defined as Part 2 on a preliminary plan of survey prepared by Bishop Geyer Surveying Inc. dated March 21, 2023.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portion of road allowance described above.

**BEFORE PASSING** the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (8:30 am. to 4:30 pm. Monday to Friday).

**DATED** at the Township of Dysart, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2023.

Jeff Iles  
Director of Planning and Land Information

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Regular day-to-day work can include, but is not limited to, cleaning, sweeping, mopping and sanitizing all camp buildings, camp garbage collection and disposal, building/carpentry, repairing, landscaping, and painting.

Expected Start date: Spring 2023

Previous experience in maintenance, landscaping, or related field an asset. Candidates will be trained on-site and must enjoy working outside in a team-oriented, collaborative environment. Candidates can expect to work approx 35-40 hours per week. Must be willing to complete all government related certifications, including WHIMS.

Salary: \$15.50-\$19.50 per hour, based on experience

To apply, please submit resume and application letter to [Rob@campnbb.com](mailto:Rob@campnbb.com)



**Camp Timberlane** is a co-ed residential summer camp for campers aged 6 – 16 and is looking to hire candidates to join our onsite Housekeeping team. For more information about the camp, visit us at [www.Camptimberlane.ca](http://www.Camptimberlane.ca)

### Housekeeping/Laundry - Full Time, Temporary, Contract

Three positions available

Our Housekeeping and Laundry areas are managed with teams split between Housekeeping and Laundry.

**Responsibilities include:** cleaning of all buildings, accommodations, wash-rooms, shower facilities and common areas throughout the camp, including the turnover of living space throughout camp and overall upkeep of camp

facilities. Cleaning and light maintenance duties include, but not limited to sweeping, mopping, cleaning, painting and replenishing supplies needed for showers and washrooms.

Expected Start date: Immediately

Candidates must enjoy working outside. A typical work week is 40 hours with potential for overtime. Willing to take required government safety certifications such as WHMIS. Able to support a positive team environment. Salary: Housekeeping \$17.50 - \$19.50 per hour based on experience..

Submit resume by email to [Jay@camptimberlane.ca](mailto:Jay@camptimberlane.ca)



### Maintenance Manager: Full time

The Camp Maintenance Manager is responsible for overseeing and directing the maintenance team at our residential summer camp, under the guidance and supervision of the Facilities Director. This person will ensure the camp's facilities, grounds, and equipment are kept in good condition and safe for campers and staff to use. The Manager works closely with the Facilities Director and other members of the team to plan and execute maintenance projects and manage the daily operations of the maintenance team. For more information about our camp, visit [www.campnbb.com](http://www.campnbb.com)

#### Key responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Hire, train and supervise the maintenance staff to ensure that all work is completed to a high standard and in a timely manner.
- Direct the maintenance and repair of camp's facilities, equipment and electrical and mechanical systems
- Coordinate and participate in all cleaning, sweeping, mopping and sanitizing all camp buildings, camp garbage collection and disposal, building/carpentry, repairing, landscaping, and painting.
- Develop and implement schedules and procedures for safety inspections and preventive maintenance programs.
- Conduct routine inspections of camp facilities, equipment, and grounds to identify areas in need of repair or maintenance.
- Coordinate and oversee the repair or replacement of damaged equipment and facilities as necessary.
- Manage the inventory of maintenance supplies and materials, and order new supplies as needed.

Expected Start date: Spring 2023

Previous supervisory experience in maintenance, landscaping, or related field an asset. Candidates will be trained on-site and must enjoy working outside in a team-oriented, collaborative environment. Candidates can expect to work approx 35-45 hours per week. Must be willing to complete all government related certifications, including WHIMS.

Salary: \$40,000-\$65,000, based on experience

To apply, or for more information, please submit resume and application letter to [Simon@campnbb.com](mailto:Simon@campnbb.com)

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An invitation to the celebration of the  
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I'm very grateful for everyone's  
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I'll never forget.



Sincerely,  
Allan Bagg

## 570 NOTICES

**Private notice:** let it be known an unrebuted ecclesiastical agreement with witnesses has been reached between minister Surinder-Kaur and the private man David: Lametti acting as AG of Canada. The full text of the scriptural agreement may be seen at <http://www.allcreatorsgifts.blogspot.com>

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## 650 OBITUARIES




**Tim Casey**  
*(Resident of Haliburton)*

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday evening, April 25, 2023, surrounded by his loving family in his 74th year. Beloved husband and best friend of Lornell Casey. Loving father of Pat (Angie), Joanna, Jason (Ashlee) and Pam. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Regan (Christine), Parker (Emily), Reese (Amelia), Kiera (Brady), Devonte, Kemaahl, McKinnon (Nick), Hannah (Jackson) and by his great grandson Frankie. Dear brother of Dennis (Roxanne) and Nedean (Dennis). Predeceased by his sister Joanne and his parents Earle & Jean Casey. Also lovingly remembered by his many nieces and nephews. Tim was a Big Brother to London Reynolds. Tim was a renowned educator in rock drilling and blasting and many other construction fields. He enjoyed reading, camping, fishing on the Great Bear Lake, and most of all spending time with his grandchildren. Birch Point Lodge on Lake Kashagawigamog was one of his most favourite places growing up.

**Visitation & Funeral Service**

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Sunday afternoon, April 30, 2023 from 1-4 p.m. A Funeral Service will be held on Monday morning, May 1, 2023 in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). A Private Family Interment will take place later at Evergreen Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peterborough or Haliburton Library would be appreciated by the family.

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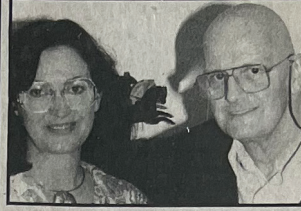
## INSIDE THE ECHO



The wandering spirit of Carol and Bruce Anson has brought them to Haliburton where they will cater to other travellers at their Bed and Breakfast. For more details, see page 7.



There are only a dozen or so female helicopter pilots in Canada and one of them, Mary Ellen Pauli, is working out of the Haliburton MNR office this month. More details on page 10



The man behind the camera of hundreds of television commercials is Bill Gimme, a resident of Eagle Lake for 20 years. For more on a man among the best in his field, see our Second Section.

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'The voice of the Highlands' 24 pages 50 cents

There was jubilation in Minden and Haliburton Sunday evening as the victorious Midgets took a ride on a fire truck to celebrate their win over Glen-coe. The Midgets wrapped up the series in six games. For details, see page 6...



## Midgets win all-Ontario title

## IGA store best alternative for classes

by LEN PIZZEY  
Editor

Faced with a pressing need for more classroom space in Minden and no immediate prospects of education ministry capital funding, the Haliburton County Board of

Education appears ready to lease space at the former Dollo's IGA building for Kindergarten and Grade 1 classes.

While the decision has not formally been made, the board believes the Dollo space is its best option at present, and to explain why, a public

meeting was held at Archie Stouffer elementary school last Wednesday night. More than 100 parents were on hand to listen to brief presentations by director of education Start Baker, principal McKay Brydon, business administrator Jim Bradley, and trustees Wendy

Laduanay and Cheryl Murdoch, and to ask questions about the proposed relocation of primary classes.

Rising enrolment, combined with added space demands for special education programmes and other services in the school, have left Ar-

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## Citizens organize to fight flood plain mapping of Gull

by MARTHA PERKINS  
Staff Reporter

The government agencies involved in the flood plain mapping may be good at giving "half-truths", but the Residents Against Flood Tactics, RAFT, will provide a united effort to fight them.

"Stand up and be accounted for," was the sentiment expressed at

Saturday morning's inaugural meeting of RAFT attended by approximately 70 residents. And when a Lutterworth land owner asked

whether Minden would stand behind the southern township now that the Ministry of Natural Resources has favourably changed the zoning designation for Minden, the response indicated that the whole issue will not be dropped until the

"band aid" solutions are replaced by measures which really attack the problem.

It's not a fictional 100-year storm the government should be worried about, they said, it's problems within the Trent Severn Waterway which have to be addressed. In a petition to MP Bill Scott, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, John Eakins and the councils of Anson, Hindon and Minden and Lutterworth, the residents say that the solution is better control of the water flow, increased reservoir capacity at the head of the Gull River, and dredging of the river to remove the silt and debris which is gradually causing the river bank to erode. The solution is not asking them to devalue their properties "just in case" the river floods.

In past years, the government has had to spend a lot of money in compensation to people who have been flooded out of their homes. To prevent any future demands on the treasury, it wants to restrict development on flood-prone areas, one of which it considers to be lands alongside the Gull River. An engineering firm was hired through the MNR to map the area and zone it according to the high-risk areas. This mapping angered the residents who felt that not only had it been

curate but it would discourage anyone from buying their property. Recently, lands in Minden which

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## Wawa teacher accepts post as new principal at HHSS

A new principal has been chosen for Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Peter Forgrave of Wawa, Ontario, has accepted the position, replacing Andy Hemphill, whose resignation takes effect at the end of June.

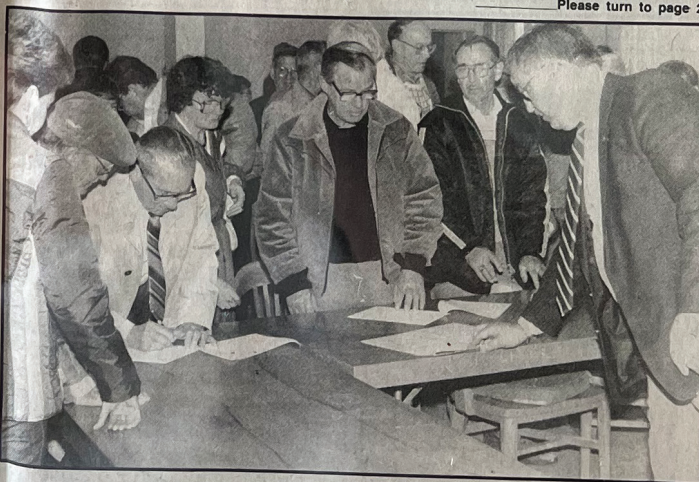
Forgrave was one of four candidates interviewed by the board in their search for Hemphill's replacement.

Forgrave presently is vice principal of Michipicoten High School in Wawa. Prior to moving to Wawa he taught at Centennial Secondary School in Brampton.

Forgrave earned his B.A. in English and Psychology at the University of Waterloo, a Bachelor of Physical Education at McMaster, and a Master of Education at Brock. He has participated in curriculum writing at the Ministry level and worked locally on developing co-operative education.

Peter Forgrave is married and the father of three children, ages 13, 11 and 7. He is interested in outdoor sports and community activities.

His hiring was announced to staff at HHSS on Tuesday, and will be ratified by the board at a meeting next Tuesday.



The crowd gathered in the Minden Council chamber on Saturday morning was eager to sign the three petitions presented by Gull MNR, right, who chaired the

meeting. The Gull River citizens have banded together as Residents Against Flood Tactics, RAFT, and plan to judge the government with letters.

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
  
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